

I had had with Mr. Pillsbury and his associates the day after the election, and that detectives were already on the ground collecting evidence in close counties, upon which the Governor and Council were expected to act. I remain in Maine only a short time and then return to Massachusetts again, and communicated that I had learned to Senator Blaine, who was then in the West. The character of his report showed that he still had no fear of the success of the plot."

"Where, when and how?"

"In Boston, about the 1st of October. I met a gentleman I knew intimately, who told me that the Fusionists would certainly capture the State of Maine."

"Who was this gentleman?"

"He was an influential Democrat. My inquiries were of a confidential character, and I prefer not to reveal his name."

"Did he give you any details of the plans of the Fusionists?"

"Yes, sir."

"What were they?"

"He told me what I already knew—the there was a movement on foot to upset the Maine election, and that a conference had been held in Boston for the purpose of raising money to pay the expenses of the investigation which was to furnish the evidence upon which the Governor and Council might act."

"Did he tell you how he had obtained this information?"

"He did not in detail; and it was not necessary, because I knew from his relations to the Maine Fusionists and from remarks that

"How did it happen that, knowing you to be a Republican correspondent, he made these communications to you?"

"He feared I was making an investigation on my own account and was likely to learn the plans of the Fusionists, and, not knowing how much I might already have ascertained, was anxious to prevent a premature publication of the plot. In the conversation with me he said he knew all I wanted was the names and that if I would keep my hands off I should have all the details for publication as soon as

"Did he tell you who were present at the conference?"

"He did not, except that persons interested in the Presidential campaign of next year were very anxious to overthrow the Republicans in Maine this year."

AIMING FOR THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

"Did you infer from what he told you that Mr. Tilden's friends in New York were the interested persons referred to?"

"I am not sure whether he made an explicit statement to that effect or not; but the impression left me was that Mr. Tilden's friends in New York and Boston furnished the money to carry on the investigation. In many conversations which took place on several days I discussed at length the effect the overthrow of the Republicans in Maine would have on the Presidential election next year and said the

"What do you mean by saying that it was the intention to secure the electoral vote of Maine for 'another than the Democratic candidate in 1880.'"

"I had expressed grave doubts as to the ability of the Fusionists, under any circumstances, to get the electoral vote of Maine for the Democratic Presidential candidate. To this he replied: 'That is very true, but I shall have a third candidate, a Greenbacker'."

and the present coalition between the Democrats and Greenbackers is to be kept up. Don't you see that it will help the Democratic candidate next year almost as much to give the voters of Maine to a Greenbacker as to a Democrat? And even if the Fusionists should fail to carry the State for a Greenbacker, a duplicate set of returns might be forwarded to Washington upon which the Democratic Congress might base some action which would be advantageous to the Democratic party."

"O yes. He said there was a perfect understanding; 'for you know,' he said jokingly, 'that shrewd politicians, such as we have, do not put up their money without knowing what they are going to get.'"

"Then you understood from what he told you that the decision of the Governor and Council was, in fact, already made, even before the character of the evidence then being collected was known, and that the evidence was to be used simply as a justification of the Governor and Council in what they had already determined?"

was being collected by detectives for a two-fold purpose. First, it was to be published as evidence of throwing discredit upon the Republican leaders in Maine, and especially upon Senator Blaine, and to create a public sensation, if possible, that would justify the action of the Governor and Council. Secondly, the evidence of alleged fraud, corruption and organized intimidation, as they call it, was to be used by the Governor and Council as a pretext for going behind the returns and refusing to give certificates to enough Republican members to elect a Republican Governor.

"During your conversation with this gentleman, or with leading fusionists of Maine, was it ever intimated that the Republican majority was to be destroyed by throwing out votes on account of 'fatal technical defects' in the returns themselves?"

"There was never such an intimation. The branch of the plot was managed by others."

"Did this gentleman ever express to you an opinion as to the legal right of the Governor and Council to go behind the returns, and as-

"O, yes! We discussed that question pretty fully, and he maintained that the Governor and Council had such a right, and said that they intended to go behind the returns if necessary. He said they had any quantity of Republican precedents to justify such action, and that they had a State official then, looking up the Republican precedents for such action. He mentioned two or three instances in which he claimed, the Republican Governor and Council of Maine had previously exercised the powers of a Returning Board."

BOSTON AND NEW-YORK POLITICIANS INTERESTED.

"What further details did this gentleman give you?"

"He said that the detectives who were collecting evidence in Maine were experts from New-York and Boston, and were paid with the money collected from politicians in Boston and New-York who were interested in the result on account of its bearing on next year's election. He complained of a lack of money sufficient to make the investigations as thorough as they would like, and said that they could

"Did you have a conversation with any other person in Boston who knew the secrets of the fusionists, and who gave you further details about the plot to steal the vote of the State of Maine?"

"One evening I met one of the detectives employed in working up the case in Maine and he told me something about the duties I had performed. He said that he had had a very hard time, and that he had travelled

"Did you, while in Boston or Augusta, hear of anything about the division of the spoils if the fusionist plot succeeded?"

"You know the Greenback party were extremely anxious for the control of the State Government, and they were willing to make any sacrifice or commit almost any act of fraud that would give them that control. I heard that there was a private understanding with

The Greenbackers that Joseph L. Smith, the candidate for Governor, should, in case the Republican majority was destroyed, be elected and that Governor Garcelon should be made the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum. These facts did not come from one but from half a dozen reputable men."

"Is there anything further that you are willing to say about this Boston gentleman—who he was etc.?"

"Only that he was the chief medium of communication between the outside politicians and those in Maine. He was also the man who

"Did he tell you so?"

"It was not necessary for him to tell it to me in so many words, for my relations with him were so intimate that I came to know it absolutely."

"Did he in his conversation with you talk as if he thought that he was engaged in a fraud or a discreditable transaction?"

"O no! He claimed that what they were doing was perfectly legitimate. He said the Republicans had gone behind the returns."

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